



# "Bee" Sure to Use the Right Seat!



## "Bee" in the Know About Booster Seats

For more information on child safety seat selection and installation:

- Visit [www2state.id.us/itd/highways/ohs/index.htm](http://www2state.id.us/itd/highways/ohs/index.htm)
- Call your local health department

Panhandle Health District, Coeur d'Alene	208.667.3481
North Central Health District, Lewiston	208.799.3100
Southwest Health District, Caldwell	208.455.5300
Central District Health District, Boise	208.375.5211
South Central Health District, Twin Falls	208.734.5900
Southeastern Health District, Pocatello	208.233.9080
District VII Health Department, Idaho Falls	208.522.0310



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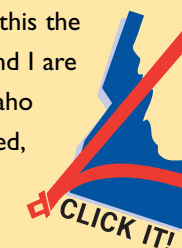
**Children need to progress through  
3 types of safety seats before they're  
ready for adult seat belts!**

1 weight  
+ 2 height  
= 3 right seat

Child Safety Seat Information from the Idaho Office of Highway Safety

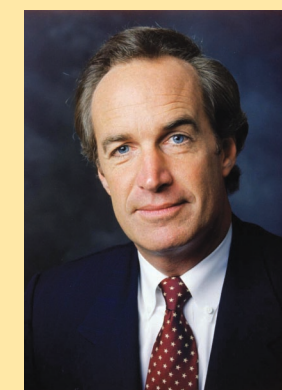
## "Bee" Sure to Have the Right Seat!

As Governor, I have proclaimed this the *Generation of the Child*. Patricia and I are dedicated to ensuring that all Idaho children are healthy, well educated, and have every chance for success. This pamphlet provides vital information focused on the safety of your child while riding in motor vehicles. I ask all Idahoans to join Patricia and me in recognizing the importance of child safety seats. With your cooperation and support, we can make Idaho's roads a safer place for all of our children by using appropriate, properly installed child safety seats.



In Idaho and across our nation, more children between the ages of 5 to 12 die in motor vehicle crashes than from all other causes combined. Idaho's Office of Highway Safety, the Health Departments, and our Law Enforcement communities care about you and your family. They want to help inform you on ways to protect your child's life. Please take a moment to read this vitally important information they have provided for you, and let them help you learn more about child safety seats. It's their job and your responsibility as a parent or caregiver.

Idaho Governor,  
Dirk Kempthorne



## Every Kid 40 - 80 Pounds Should Be a Booster Bee!

**Help your kid become a Booster Bee  
today by reviewing this page and  
signing it together.**



- Booster Bees know to remind Mom and Dad to buckle everyone correctly, every time they get into a vehicle
- Booster Bees always sit tight and ride quietly in the back seat so Mom and Dad can focus on driving safely
- Booster Bees understand that child safety seats and seatbelts keep everyone in the vehicle safe, especially in a crash

*I promise to be a good Booster Bee and do my part to be safe when traveling in an automobile.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your local health department has detailed information on free safety seat inspections and ways you may be able to obtain a discount on child safety seat purchases. They also have some fun things you and your little busy bee can use to learn about making seatbelt safety a priority whenever your family hits the road!





## “Bee” Aware of These Safety Tips

- Read and understand child safety seat installation and use instructions
- Have your child safety seat regularly inspected at the nearest check site (For the site nearest you, call your Health Department or visit [www2.state.id.us/itd/highways/ohs/index.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/itd/highways/ohs/index.htm))
- Never use pillows, books, towels or other objects to boost a child
- Never use a child safety seat that has been in a crash, or if you don't know the history of the seat
- Never position a shoulder belt under a child's arm or behind the back
- In a belt-positioning booster seat, never use the lap belt alone without the shoulder belt
- Never let children ride unrestrained, even when they fuss or complain
- Children should only use adult lap and shoulder belts when they are over 80 lbs., and over 4 ft., 9 in., and the belt fits over the middle of the shoulder and low on the abdomen/hips
- **Never place a child under 100 lbs. in front of an airbag**
- The seat, when properly secured, should not move more than one inch in any direction



## “Bee” Sure to Use the Right Seat! There's a Type of Seat for Each Type of Kid

### Under 1 year old/Under 20 lbs./birth to 27 inches

- **MUST** be in a **rear-facing infant seat** with/without removable bases
- Adjust harness, placing chest clip at arm-pit level, over infant's body, put blankets over the harness *not* under it
- The infant's head should stay 2" below the top of the seat. If the infant is tall, and not yet 20 lbs., and less than 1 year, use a convertible seat in the rear-facing, reclining position
- The harness of a convertible seat should be at or below infant's shoulders when used in the rear-facing configuration
- Never place infant seat in front of an airbag



### Over 1 year old/20 to 40 lbs.

- **Forward-facing child safety seat** is recommended
- Harness straps should be at or below child's shoulders
- Harness chest clip should be at armpit level
- Use top harness slots of safety seat
- Should be used in upright position, not reclined
- Discontinue use when child's shoulders are past harness strap slots or any part of the ears reach above top of seat
- Always place your child in the back seat and never in front of an airbag



### Ages 4 to 8/Under 4 ft., 9 in. tall/40 to 80 lbs.

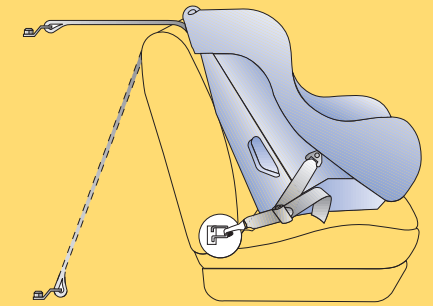
- An approved **booster seat** is recommended
- Seat should be used with both lap and shoulder belts, and never with a lap belt only
- Seat should be used in rear vehicle seat, facing forward
- Seatbelt should fall across top of child's thighs and centered across shoulder and chest
- Various types available:
  - **No Back Booster:** Least expensive, used only if child's head reaches above vehicle seat back
  - **High Back Booster:** Most popular, provides additional head, neck and back support in a crash
  - **Converted Child Seat:** Money-saving option, with harness removed it can be used up to 8 years of age



### Over 4 ft., 9 in. tall/over 80 lbs.



- Use vehicle **lap and shoulder belts** without books, blankets or other padding
- Lap belt should fall across top of child's thighs
- Shoulder belt should not cross child's face or neck
- Never position shoulder belt behind child's back or under the arm
- Children under 100 lbs. should never sit in front of an airbag



## “Bee” Sure to LATCH for Improved Child Passenger Safety

The LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) System is designed to make installation of child safety seats easier.

- As of September 1999, all new forward-facing child seats (not including boosters) have to meet stricter head protection requirements which call for a top tether strap that is attached to the back of the rear seat or rear floor of the vehicle
- All new cars, minivans, and light trucks of model year 2000 or later feature this tether anchor
- By September 1, 2002, two rear-facing seating positions in cars, minivans and light trucks will come equipped with anchorage points located between the seat cushion and seat back
- Also by September 1, 2002, all child safety seats will have two attachments which will connect to the vehicle's lower tether anchorage points

